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BEFORE THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MATTER OF:		
)	FMCSA-2003-16240 - 1\
Southwestern Industrial Contractors)	TX-2003-0830-US0742
and Riggers, Inc.)	(Southern Service Center)
Respondent.)	
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RESPONDENT'S REPLY TO FIELD ADMINISTRATOR'S RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S PETITION FOR REVIEW OF ORDER ON DEFAULT

Respondent Southwestern Industrial Contractors and Riggers, Inc., submits this reply to the response of the Field Administrator to Respondent's Petition for Review of Order on Default. In reply Respondent would show as follows:

- 1. Please note that the Field Administrator conspicuously fails to address the first set of objections filed by the Respondent, all of which address the fact that the civil penalty assessed by the Administration exceeds the statutory maximum by \$6,930.00. The Administration has no jurisdiction to impose penalties in excess of the statutory maximum. The Notice of Claim and the Order on Default must therefore be invalidated. The Field Administrator apparently does not contest Respondent's objection.
- 2. The Field Administrator also fails to address the fact that the Order on Default grants relief not sought by the Administration and fails to limit or condition the relief in the manner specifically requested by the Administration. The Field Administrator apparently does not contest Respondent's objection.

3. Since the Field Administrator has conceded those points, the Order on Default and the Notice of Claim should be vitiated.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed to DAVINA L. FARMER, Agency Counsel, FMCSA Southern Service Center, 1800 Century Boulevard, Ste. 1700, Atlanta, Georgia 30345; DAVID B. MARTIN, Division Administrator, FMCSA 826 Federal Building, 300 East 8th St., Austin, Texas 78701; JOHN H. HILL, Assistant Administrator, FMCSA, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590; JERRY COOPER, FMCSA 1800 Century Boulevard, Ste. 1700, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 and H.S. DOT DOCKETS, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th St., S.W., Rm. PL-401, Washington, DC 20590, on this 12 day of July 2005.

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